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SUBJ: FIVE BODIES FOUND ALONG COAST

REF: 76 MONTEVIDEO 1818 (DTG 241233Z MAY 76), 76 MONTEVIDEO 1823 (DTG 241358Z MAY 76), 76 MONTEVIDEO 3306 (DTG 071900Z SEP 76)

1. SUMMARY. THE MONTEVIDEO PRESS REPORT IN RECENT DAYS THE FINDING OF FIVE BODIES ON THE BANKS OF THE RIVER PLATE AND THE ATLANTIC COAST. TWO HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED AND APPEAR TO BE DROWNINGS. DUE TO THEIR ADVANCED STATE OF DECOMPOSITION IT APPEARS UNLIKELY THE OTHER BODIES CAN BE IDENTIFIED.
END SUMMARY.

2. SINCE MAY 10 THE MONTEVIDEO PRESS REPORTED THE FINDING OF FIVE BODIES ALONG THE RIVER PLATE AND THE ATLANTIC COAST. THE FIRST WAS A MAN OF ABOUT 30 YEARS OF AGE FOUND NEAR PUNTA DEL ESTE. NO IDENTIFICATION WAS IMMEDIATELY POSSIBLE, DUE TO THE ADVANCED STATE OF DECOMPOSITION OF THE BODY, BUT AUTHORITIES SAID IT APPEARED THAT IT WAS IN THE WATER FOR AT LEAST 30 DAYS. TWO OTHER BODIES WERE LATER FOUND ON URUGUAY'S ATLANTIC COAST NEAR THE TOWN OF ROCHA. THAT OF A WOMAN WAS FOUND MAY 12 AND A THIRD BODY MAY 15. DUE TO THE ADVANCED STATE OF DECOMPOSITION OF THE THIRD BODY IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE TO DETERMINE ITS SEX. BOTH BODIES WERE SEVERELY MUTILATED. TWO OTHERS WERE FOUND IN WATERS OFF MONTEVIDEO. THESE HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED AS ESPERANZA MARIA DEL CARMEN VAZQUEZ LOPEZ, A 19-YEAR-OLD URUGUAYAN, AND FERNANDO BORGES ESTEVEZ, 49-YEAR-OLD URUGUAYAN.

3. SPECULATION HAS IT THAT THE BODIES OF THE UNIDENTIFIED INDIVIDUALS ARE THOSE OF PEOPLE KILLED IN ARGENTINA, SOME IN

ARGENTINA PROJECT (S200000044)

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0.2 REPRISAL FOR THE SHOOTING OF ARGENTINE FOREIGN MINISTER GUZZETTI. THIS CANNOT BE THE CASE WITH ALL SINCE AT LEAST ONE OF THE BODIES WAS REPORTEDLY IN THE WATER FOR 30 DAYS OR MORE. THE DISCOVERY OF THE BODIES, HOWEVER, IS REMINISCENT OF SIMILAR INCIDENTS IN MAY AND SEPTEMBER 1976, WHICH WERE REPORTED IN REFTELS. THE BODIES FOUND NEAR MONTEVIDEO WHICH WERE IDENTIFIED ARE THOUGHT TO BE ACCIDENTAL DROWNING CASES OR SUICIDES.

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